

GOSPEL TRICK SHOT MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER



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GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH
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1 PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

Portable pool table neighborhood outreach in Paterson, NJ – GTS RACK Team members Steve Lillis and Phil Ball with helper Jesus Canela did a Gospel Trick Shot show with the GTS portable pool table at the Grace Gospel Church in the 4th Ward in Paterson on May 30th. The table was set up under a tent outdoors in the church parking area and curious onlookers came from the neighborhood to hear the gospel on the pool table. Food was served by the church staff and God was glorified.



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CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Mike Massey in Tennessee — Long time partner of Gospel Trick Shot Mike Massey has been back in his home state of Tennessee singing his country gospel songs, doing Gospel Trick Shots, and sharing his amazing testimony of God's grace in his life. His life story is now being written by a GTS partner in Florida. Mike has been mainly residing in Chattanooga where his children and grandchildren reside. He has been attending a local church, sharing with local groups, and performing in local bars. He has even been back to Nashville where he recorded some of his top songs found on [reverbnation.com](https://www.reverbnation.com). Mike loves singing and sharing stories of his faith journey and the challenges he has faced along the way.



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JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg, South Africa - Wayne Parker had the opportunity to return to the Safe Haven Rehab center in Midrand, Johannesburg. He was invited once again as a guest speaker to address around 12 patients currently participating in their 12-step rehabilitation program for recovery from drugs, alcohol, and gambling. During the session, Wayne shared powerful testimonies, including his own story of salvation and freedom from a life of addiction. By the end of his talk, every attendee made the decision to surrender their lives to Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Having previously hosted a Gospel Trick Shot show at the rehab, Wayne has now received another invitation to return and perform another GTS show for the new group of patients. Plans are already in motion to have a pool table transported to the rehab for this upcoming event.



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Wayne Parker, president of GTS, is currently building a GTS RACK team in South Africa. In 2023, a GTS RACK team from the USA visited Billiard Café in Johannesburg and performed a Gospel Trick Shot show while attending the Hawley Cup event. Multiple shows were held, and Wayne has continued his impactful work, reaching souls with the gospel of Jesus.

Recently, Wayne, along with new GTS RACK team member Sonja Pretorius, returned to Billiard Café to record this month's Gospel Trick Shot of the Month in the Supa Pro League arena. This marks Sonja's debut appearance in the Gospel Trick Shot of the Month series. In addition to being part of the team, Sonja is also the designer of our new GTS website.

Below is a video that Sonja created, featuring a trick shot paired with several Bible verses meant to inspire and encourage, sharing the message behind her favorite trick shot, the "Butterfly." We're excited to see more of Sonja's gospel trick shots in the near future!

TRICK SHOTS EXHIBITION : THE BUTTERFLY

Click on Image to watch Video

SONJA SONSKYN PRETORIUS

Ecclesiastes 3:11
"He has made everything beautiful in its time..."

Reflection:
God's timing is perfect. Don't rush the process. You're not behind—you're becoming. Like the butterfly, your beauty will bloom exactly when it should.

4 GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH



Matthew 13:12

“Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance...”

“Surrender what you have to the Lord... He will multiply it for you”

History of the Trick Shot: This shot is performed by Sonja Pretorius, a GTS RACK team member from South Africa. She also happens to be the website designer of our new GTS Website. This shot is done on an English style 7-foot Blackball pool table which has snooker type pockets. This shot is also featured in the 2024 Artistic Blackball shot program, which was developed from the American Artistic Pool shot program. This shot is part of the “Bank and Kick” discipline, and has a degree of difficulty of 9 out of 10.

GTS Name and Why: The name of the shot is called “The 5 loaves and 2 fish” and demonstrates the cue ball running around 5 rails to eventually make a 2-ball combination into the corner pocket. Oftentimes we do not value even the little we have received from God, such as the simple things in life or even a testimony of what God has done for us. It took faith for the disciples to take the little bit of bread and fish they received from Jesus, and feed the first person they were sent to. So also, will it require faith on our part to give to others the little we think we have received from the Lord, whether it be a gift, talent, time, finance or just a word of encouragement. One thing is for sure, is that when we are obedient in reaching out to others with what we have received from the Lord, is that God will multiply whatever it is that we give. God will supply, multiply and satisfy those we reach out to for Him. To him who has, more shall be given!

Scripture Reference: Matthew 13:12 (NIV) “Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance...”

Matthew 14:19 (NIV) “And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.”

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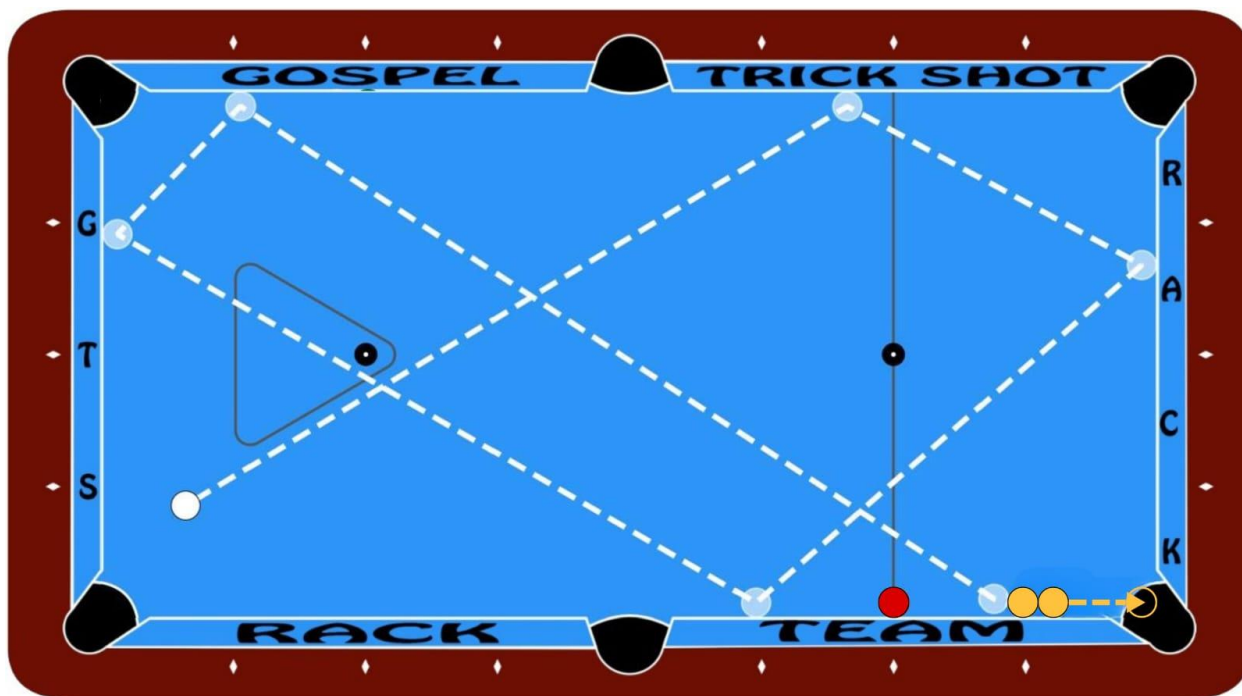
Cue Ball Placement: place within the 1 x 1 diamond area as indicated in the diagram.

Object Ball(s) Placement: A two-ball combination setup, frozen to the rail and to each other, with the ball on the right on the 1st diamond from the corner pocket as indicated in the diagram. One blocker ball frozen to the rail on the 2nd diamond.

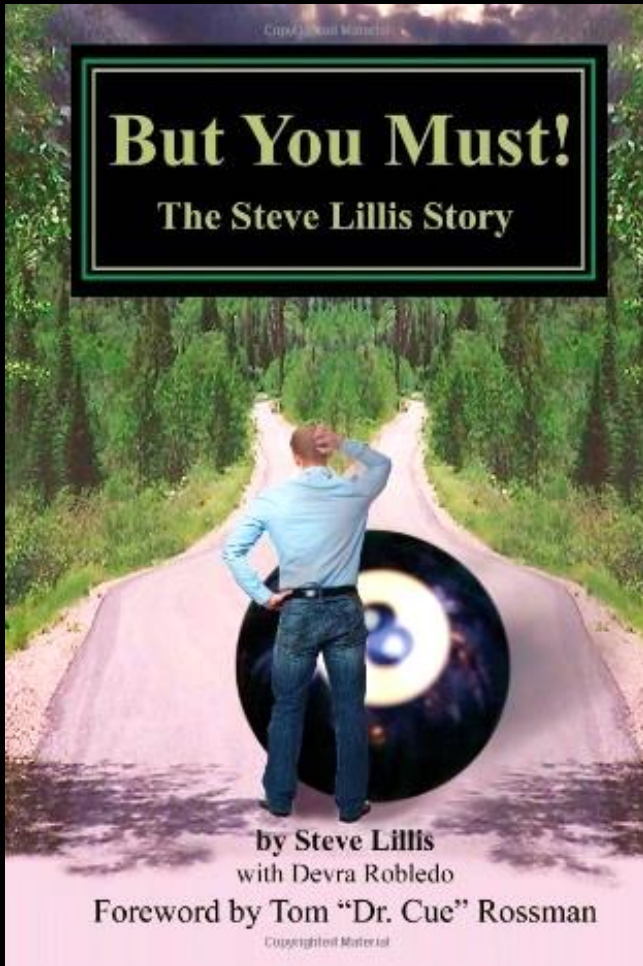
Objective: Hit the cue ball hard straight into the long rail as diagrammed with high right-hand English causing the cue ball to run off 5 rails and eventually making the two-ball combination and making the end ball into the corner pocket as shown in the diagram.

Special Notes: This shot takes some practice and depending on the speed of the table cloth one would have to compensate with how hard you would strike the ball. One can play around with hitting the cue ball at different speeds or hitting a little higher or lower down the first rail depending on where the cue ball ends up when reaching the two-ball combination.

Crowd Reactions: This shot will take some practice as every table differs depending on if the rails are playing long or short. But once you've mastered the right amount of speed and english to make the combo, expect the crowd to erupt with applause. Many times, the cue ball just reaches the two-ball combination and the end ball barely makes it to the pocket which builds up the suspense and eventual celebration of success. If one does not make it in the first few tries, that's fine. Just say that God will always give us multiple attempts to get up and try again. Once you've made the shot and everyone is applauding, point your finger heavenward and say that God will supply, multiply and satisfy!

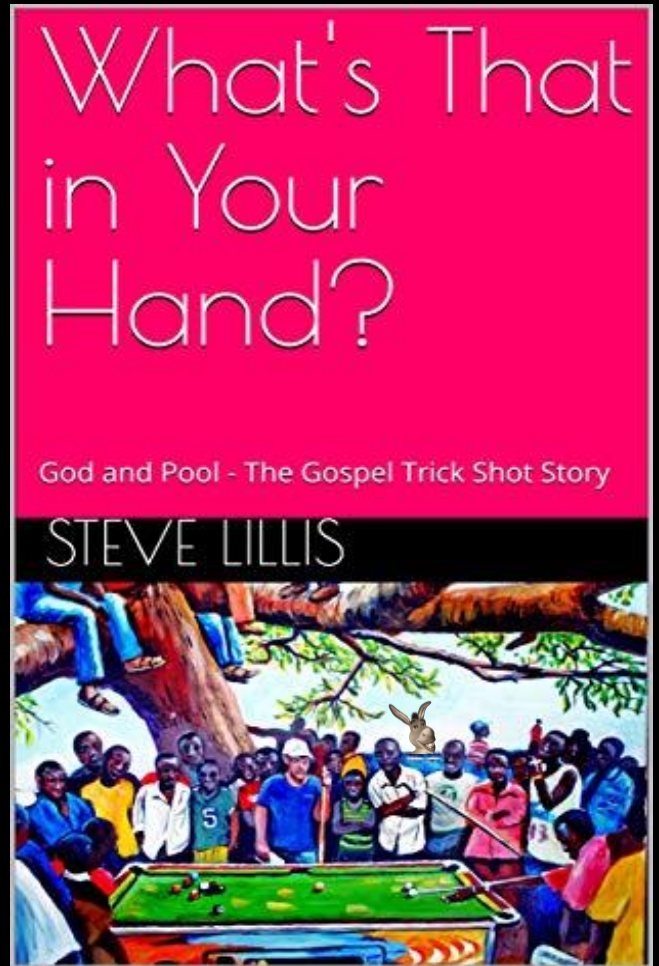


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GTS Calendar 2025: changes and additions are forthcoming (BILLIARD INDUSTRY events are confirmed as GTS participation is (TBD) To Be Determined!)

>**July 2025** – Please check out Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and friends for upcoming events at <https://www.drcuepromotions.com/outreach-vision-witness/>.

>**8/22/25 - 8/24/25** - South Africa Masters Artistic Pool event in Cape Town with GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker doing a Gospel Trick Shot show.

>**9/14/25 - 9/28/25** - [Rising Hope Church Community Cultural Center \(Grand Opening\)](#) in Muncie, IN with GTS/RACK team members ministering with Artistic Pool and Gospel Trick Shots to the community with town officials attending.

>**Sept/Oct/Nov 2025 (TBD)** – Fall college tour with invitations to do Gospel Trick Shot shows at **CUNY Queens College, Queens, NY** with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries in the student center; **New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark, NJ** with International Students Ministry (ISI) in the student center; **SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, NY** and other colleges in the Mohawk Valley Region working with InterVarsity (IVCF); **VCU, Virginia Union, and the Potomac Region** with a GTS portable pool table college tour working with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries; **Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) in Melbourne, FL** working with Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru).

>**11/22/25 (TBD)** - GTS show with Steve Lillis and Phil Ball at the Asbury Methodist Church in Allentown, PA for youth.

>**GTS World Tour 2025 (TBD)** – ministry & billiard federation invites: India, Turkey, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Serbia, Hungary, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi.

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